

DPW



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** 10/720,941  
**FILING DATE:** November 24, 2003  
**FIRST NAMED INVENTOR:** HODGES ET AL.  
**GROUP ART UNIT:** 2171  
**EXAMINER NAME:** Unassigned  
**ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER:** BS030006

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director:

The Assignee respectfully requests entry and consideration of the references listed on the enclosed PTO 1449 Forms.

If the Office has any questions, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at (919) 469-2629 or scott@scottzimmerman.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Zimmerman

Scott P. Zimmerman, Reg. No. 41,390  
Attorney for Assignee

O I P E  
P A T E N T & T R A D E M A R K S  
M A Y 2 1 2 0 0 7

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	BS030006
-------	---	----	---	------------------------	----------

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		6,567,375		Balachandran et al.	05-2003	
		2002/0112060		Kato, Kei	08-2002	
		5,862,471		Tiedemann et al.	01-1999	
		6,058,301		Daniels, David Leighton	05-2000	
		6,516,194		Hanson, Daniel A.	02-2003	
		2004/0249927		Pezutti, David	12-2004	
		5,752,186		Malackowski et al.	15-1998	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sub>6</sub>
		Offi ce <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
			WO 00/41426		Almgren, Magnus et al.	07-2000		

### OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T <sup>2</sup>
Examiner Signature					Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.